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" (b) (i) *Homes of Reformatory nature—Certified Schools.*—The Chief Inspector of Certified Schools is required under the Madras Children Act to inspect every certified school at least once in every year. The schools are liable to inspection by the Chief Inspector at all times and in all their departments. The schools are also inspected by the committee of visitors, if they are Government Certified Schools. If they are private certified schools they are inspected by the governing body when they hold their monthly meetings; and the members of the governing body nominated by Government are also expected to visit the schools, apart from their attendance at the monthly meetings, at least once a quarter, the visits being made informally and without notice.

*Remand Homes.*—Remand Homes are visited by the Chief Inspector of Certified Schools annually, and by local officials periodically. For example, the City First-class Magistrate, Madura, and the President, Juvenile Court, Madura, visit the Remand Home at Madura regularly twice a month. The Health Officer of the Madura Municipality pays periodical visits. The Remand Home at Vellore is periodically visited by the Subdivisional Magistrate, who is also the President of the Children Aid Society, Vellore. The Remand Home at Salem is visited on all court days by the President of the Juvenile Court. Other officials also visit the institution occasionally. The Remand Home at Madras run by the Madras Children Aid Society is visited occasionally, e.g., by the Chief Presidency Magistrate and others.

(ii) *Other Homes* (under the control of the Education Department).—The Inspecting Officers are required to pay surprise visits to Boarding Homes in addition to the usual annual inspection and note whether the inmates are properly fed and whether the food supplied is wholesome enough to keep the inmates in a healthy condition. They are also required to see whether the inmates are kept in healthy surroundings and to this end the institutions are required to produce a sanitary certificate from a medical officer or an officer of the Public Health department.

" (c) All Homes under the control of Government are subject to inspection.

" (d) In view of the answer to clause (c), this does not arise."

*Levy of tree tax.*

*123 *Q.*—SRI S. B. ADITYAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether any tree tax is levied in the Province;

(b) what are the trees liable to pay the tax;

(c) what amounts were realized through the tax since 1941–42 (yearwar and districtwar); and

(*d*) whether the Government have any information that the tax is still being collected in respect of trees which have ceased to exist?

THE HON. SRI KALA VENKATA RAO :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The trees are the tamarind, mango, jack, illupai, palmyra, coconut and date.

" (*c*) A statement[a] containing the information is placed on the table of the House.

" (*d*) The Government have no information."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" May I enquire how is it that this tree tax which was nothing at all in 1943–44 in Tinnevelly district jumped up to thirty thousand and odd rupees in the next year? "

THE HON. SRI KALA VENKATA RAO :—" Perhaps many evasions have been found out."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" May I inquire whether this tree tax does not form part of the permanent settlement and as such is collected as part of the land revenue? "

THE HON. SRI KALA VENKATA RAO :—" The permanent settlement does not apply to Tinnevelly district, it is only ryotwari settlement that applies."

### *Abolition of the Revenue Board.*

* 124 *Q.*—SRI S. B. ADITYAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government propose to abolish the Revenue Board;

(*b*) whether a report in this connexion was submitted by the Board;

(*c*) if so, whether the Government will place the report on the table of the House;

(*d*) what the main functions of the Board are; and

(*e*) what other department or officer would exercise the functions of the Board, in the event of the abolition of the Board?

THE HON. SRI KALA VENKATA RAO :—" (*a*) & (*e*) The matter is under the consideration of the Government.

" (*b*) Yes.

" (*c*) As the report is a confidential one, Government do not propose to place it on the table of the House.

" (*d*) A list[b] of the main functions of the Board is placed on the table of the House."

### *Affairs relating to the Fisheries Department at Ennore.*

* 125 *Q.*—SRI C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Rural Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government have sanctioned some lorries for the transport of fish baskets from Ennore and other intermediate stations to Madras;

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[a] Printed as Appendix III on pages 649–650 infra.

[b] Printed as Appendix IV on page 650 infra.